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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No. 09/839,241	Applicant(s) KRAUSE ET AL.	
	Examiner FIRMIN BACKER	Art Unit 3621	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 February 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) See Continuation Sheet is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                                | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims pending in the application are 4-6,8-13,55,56,58,60-66,68-73,115,116,118,120-122,126-128,130-135,177,178,180 and 182-184.

Continuation of Disposition of Claims: Claims rejected are 4-6,8-13,55,56,58,60-66,68-73,115,116,118,120-122,126-128,130-135,177,178,180 and 182-184.

### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007 has been entered.

### ***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 4-6, 8-13, 55-56, 58, 60-66, 68-73, 115-116, 118, 120-122, 126-128, 130-135, 177-178, 180, and 182-184 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

### ***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102***

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 4-6, 8-13, 55-56, 58, 60-66, 68-73, 115-116, 118, 120-122, 126-128, 130-135, 177-178, 180, and 182-184 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Tsuei (U.S. Patent No. 6,654,779).

5. As per claim 4, Tsuei teaches a method for providing an electronic change of address service from an old address of a customer to a new address of the customer, comprising: providing a user interface at a change of address server for the customer to enter change of address information; receiving the change of address information at the change of address server via a network; creating a first change of address record at the change of address server representing the change of address information; validating an identity of the customer at the change of address server; electronically transferring the first change of address record to a service center when the identity is valid, creating a second change of address record at the service center by modifying the first change of address record received from the change of address server; forwarding the second change of address record electronically from the service center to a forwarding service unit corresponding to the old address of the customer at least one of the sub-services within the change of address service, and processing, by the forwarding service unit, the second change of address record received from the service center electronically to automatically redirect mail addressed to the old address of the customer to the new address of the customer (*see col. 3 lines 1-65, 5 lines 10-54, 6 lines 6-7 line 52*).

6. As per claims 5-20, 55-80, 115-122, 126-142 and 177-184, they do not further limit the inventive concept disclose in claim 4. Moreover their limitations are clearly taught in Tsuei's disclosure. Therefore they are rejected under rationale as claim 4.

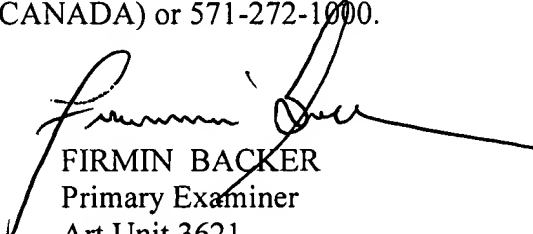
***Conclusion***

7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (*see form 892*).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to FIRMIN BACKER whose telephone number is 571-272-6703. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew J. Fischer can be reached on (571) 272-6779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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